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SUBJ: CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES (CERDS):

JAPAN'S VOTING POSITION

REF: STATE 264952

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH FONOFF VICE MINISTER TOGO
DEC 5, THE AMBASSADOR RAISED ISSUE OF FORTHCOMING VOTE
ON CERDS. THE AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED THAT DRAFT CHARTER
CONTAINS UNACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE ON NUMBER OF FUNDAMENTAL
ISSUES AND THAT USG CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY TO VOTE
AGAINST CHARTER RATHER THAN ABSTAINING. NOTING INDICA-
TIONS THAT UK AND FRG WILL ALSO VOTE AGAINST CHARTER,
THE AMBASSADOR URGED THAT JAPAN JOIN IN NEGATIVE VOTE.
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2. IN RESPONSE TOGO STATED THAT GOJ HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER TO ABSTAIN OR OPPOSE IN EVENT OF CHARTER VOTE, ALTHOUGH IT PREPARED TO CAST NEGATIVE VOTES ON OBJECT-IONABLE PARAGRAPHS. HE NOTED THAT JAPAN'S DEPENDENCE ON RAW MATERIAL IMPORTS PLACED IT IN DELICATE POSITION VIS-A-VIS LDC'S; THUS JAPAN WOULD FIND IT QTE AWKWARD UNQTE TO OPPOSE CHARTER IN ABSENCE OF SIMILAR VOTE BY EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. THE AMBASSADOR REITERATED THAT US IS PREPARED TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS ON CHARTER BUT IF G-77 FORCED A VOTE, IT WAS CLEARLY IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES' INTEREST TO CAST NEGATIVE VOTE.

3. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH E/C COUNS, TANIGUCHI (DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIVISION, UN BUREAU, FONOFF) CONFIRMED SPLIT WITHIN GOJ ON CHARTER VOTE QUESTION. HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT GOJ'S POSITION REMAINED THAT IT WOULD VOTE AGAINST CHARTER IF JOINED BY US AND QTE MAJOR EC COUNTRIES UNQTE. WHILE DECLINING THAT UK AND FRG MIGHT NOT BE SUFFICIENT. ACCORDING TO TANIGUCHI, GOJ WILL PROBABLY NOT DECIDE ON VOTING POSITION UNTIL AFTER MEETING AT 0900 DECEMBER 6 IN NEW YORK OF EC CAUCUS.
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